

REMARKS

Claims 168-180 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph for indefiniteness. Applicants amend claim 168 to switch the order of the steps as suggested in the Office Action. Claims 168-180 are definite and in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Page 3 of the Action indicates that claims 168-180 would be allowable if amended to overcome the indefiniteness rejection. Applicants request allowance of claims 168-180 and issuance of a Notice of Allowance in the next Action.

Applicants have amended claim 64 as indicated for clarification.

Claims 42, 43 and 195 were indicated to be pending in the Office Action. Such claims were previously canceled by Applicants.

Applicants again submit herewith a copy of a Form PTO-1449 which was timely submitted in an IDS filed December 27, 2000. Applicants respectfully request consideration and initialization of the foreign reference AL corresponding to Australian reference AU9870343 on the Form PTO-1449.


Applicants request allowance of all pending claims.

The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned if the Examiner believes such would facilitate prosecution of the present application. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time during normal business hours (Pacific Time Zone).

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Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE ACCOMPANYING
RESPONSE TO AUGUST 27, 2001 OFFICE ACTION

In the Claims

The claims have been amended as follows. Underlines indicate insertions and ~~strikeouts~~ indicate deletions.

64. (Amended) The fuel cell power system according to claim 59 wherein the control system ~~circuitry~~ is configured to monitor an electrical condition of the battery and to control the charge circuitry to charge the battery responsive to the monitoring of the electrical condition of the battery.

168. (Amended) A method of controlling a fuel cell power system comprising:

providing at least one fuel cell configured to convert chemical energy into electricity;

providing a first terminal coupled with the at least one fuel cell;

providing a second terminal coupled with the at least one fuel cell;

directing air to the at least one fuel cell;

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monitoring the temperature of the air;
~~directing air to the at least one fuel cell; and~~
controlling the directing using a control system.